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House Bill 36

Summary of Changes

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The Senate HSS committee separated the statute (AS 47.10.087) governing adult residential psychiatric treatment centers from child residential centers for statutory clarity and logic. SHSS also provided clarity in statute removing the term “acute psychiatric treatment center” and broadened the access to the process by adding “and any other interested parties” to those allowed to participate.

The Senate Judiciary Committee made the following changes.

- Requires the parties involved in the initial placement under (a) of Sec. 8 to submit a written stipulation with a treatment plan and timeline to the court. The court must find that the treatment plan and timeline is reasonable and will release a child to a less restrictive setting.
- Adds in Senate Bill 90 (34-LS0275\A).
- Changes “the least restrictive environment” to “a less restrictive setting” in Section 47.10.105.

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- Clarifies that the department is not required to provide notice to the court if a child in a hospital for short-term psychiatric care is released from the hospital within 23 hours after arrival but still must provide notice to the parties.
- Deletes “the child” in (2) of Sec. 8 as “the child” is a party under CINA Rule 3.
- Requires the parties involved in the initial placement under (a) of Sec. 8 to submit a written stipulation with a treatment plan and timeline to the court. The court must find that the treatment plan and timeline is reasonable and will release a child to a less restrictive setting.
- Requires that a treatment foster home provide treatment including medical care, trauma informed care, and interventions for post-traumatic stress disorder, abuse related to trauma, depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, and substance abuse.
- Places a cap of up to four children to be at a treatment foster home.
- Requires children in a treatment foster home as determined by a health care provider.
- Requires care providers at a treatment foster home to take ongoing training approved by the department.
- Adds new section of uncodified law of the State of Alaska to address Medicaid State Plan Waivers.

